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STATE of PENNSYLVANIA.

An ACT *for emitting the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, for the Support of the Army, and for establishing a Fund for the Redemption thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

WHEREAS it is not to be expected, during the present war with Great-Britain, that sufficient quantities of gold and silver money can be procured or retained in this State, for the procuring and providing sufficient supplies of provisions and other articles for the support of the army, and for the purposes of private dealings; for which purpose, and for supplying the good people of this State with a medium of commerce of a stable and solid nature, for want of which they already suffer: And whereas there are many and large arrearages and sums of money due to this State from private persons, for lands heretofore granted and claimed, which ought to be pledged as a fund of credit, for the relieving the public necessities and supplying the Treasury at this time: *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same,* That bills of credit, to the value of Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, shall be prepared and printed with all possible dispatch, after the publication of this Act, on good strong paper, under the care and direction of George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, the charges whereof shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of the monies so prepared and printed; which bills of credit shall be made and prepared in manner and form following, viz. "This "bill shall pass current for ————, according to an "act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed the seventh day of April, in the year "one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one. Dated "the ——— day of April, A. D. 1781." And the said bills shall have the State arms as an escutcheon in the margin thereof, with such other devices as the said George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, or a majority of them, shall think proper, in order to prevent counterfeits, and to distinguish their several and respective denominations; which bills shall be of the several and respective denominations following, and no other, that is to say:

29,077 Of the said bills, the sum of Five Pounds each.
29,077 Of the said bills, the sum of Three Pounds each.
29,077 Of the said bills, the sum of Two Pounds and Ten Shillings each.
29,077 Of the said bills, the sum of Two Pounds each.
29,077 Of the said bills, the sum of One Pound and Ten Shillings each.
29,077 Of the said bills, the sum of One Pound each.
29,076 Of the said bills, the sum of Fifteen Shillings each.
29,076 Of the said bills, the sum of Ten Shillings each.
40,000 Of the said bills, the sum of Five Shillings each.
40,000 Of the said bills, the sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence each.
40,000 Of the said bills, the sum of Two Shillings each.
20,000 Of the said bills, the sum of One Shilling and Six-pence each.
20,000 Of the said bills, the sum of One Shilling each.
80,000 Of the said bills, the sum of Nine-pence each.
80,000 Of the said bills, the sum of Six-pence each.
And 80,000 Of the said bills, the sum of Three-pence each.

And the said George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, shall use their best care, attention and diligence, during the making of the paper and printing of said bills, that the number and the amount thereof, according to the said several denominations, be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent practices used by the paper maker or the printer, his or their servants or others.

And for perfecting the said bills, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said bills, the denomination whereof shall be ten shillings and upwards, shall be signed by any two of the persons herein after mentioned; and that every of the said bills, the denomination whereof shall be under ten shillings, shall be signed by any one of the persons herein after mentioned, that is to say, Cadwallader Morris, Samuel Meredith, James Budden, Joseph Wharton, Joseph Bullock, Samuel Caldwell, Michael Shubart, David H. Cunningham, Jacob Barge, Philip Bœhm, John Purviance, Joseph Dean, John Miller, Jonathan Mifflin, Isaac Howell, Richard Bache, John Baynton, Tench Francis, David Shaffer, senior, Thomas Pryor, Robert Knox, John Mease, Jacob S. Howell and John Patton; who are hereby nominated and appointed signers thereof, and who shall, before they receive or sign any of them, take an oath or affirmation to the effect following, viz. "That they shall well and truly sign and number all the bills of credit, that shall come to their hands for that purpose, according to the directions of this Act; and the same, so signed and numbered, will redeliver or cause to be re-delivered unto George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, or any of them, pursuant to the directions of this Act."

And, to avoid the danger of embezzlement or misapplication of any of the said bills of credit, Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, after the said bills shall be printed, shall deliver, from time to time, so many of them to the signers aforesaid, by parcels, to be signed and numbered, as they shall judge proper, for which the said signers, or some one of them, shall give receipts, that is to say, that not more than three thousand pounds of the said bills shall remain in the hands of any two of them at the same time, and so from time to time till the whole of the said bills be signed; of all which bills of credit, so delivered to be signed and numbered as aforesaid, a true account shall be kept by the signers, who, upon re-delivery of each or any parcel of the said bills, by them signed and numbered, shall have the receipt of the said George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, or any two of them, to charge them before any Committee of Assembly appointed to enquire into the same.

And each of the said signers shall have fifteen shillings for every thousand of the said bills by them signed and numbered, and no more; and the said George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, shall severally receive five and twenty shillings for every day they shall be employed in the said business, and the Treasurer of this State shall, for receiving and paying, have and receive two shillings and six-pence per hundred pounds, for his care and trouble, to be paid out of the monies emitted by virtue of this Act.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the bills of credit, hereby directed to be prepared and made, as fast as the same shall be signed, numbered and perfected as aforesaid, shall be delivered to the Treasurer of the State, by the said George Gray, John Steinmetz, Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose, Henry Hayes and William Harris, or any of them, who shall give a receipt or receipts for the same, and shall issue and pay the same according to the draughts of the General Assembly, or of the President or Vice-President in Council, for public use.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That together with the guarantee of the honour and faith of Pennsylvania, which is hereby given, so much as shall be sufficient of the arrearages and sums of money due to this State, for lands heretofore granted or claimed, by virtue of warrants, locations, surveys or any other title that might be deemed good and valid, according to the law, custom or usage in force under the late Government, shall be, and hereby is pledged and declared to be a fund, out of which the bills of credit aforesaid shall be redeemed and cancelled, within the term of five years from the passing of this Act, in the manner following, that is to say, the one fifth part thereof yearly and every year, until the whole shall be redeemed and cancelled as aforesaid.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the bills of credit emitted by this Act be, and are hereby declared to be legal tender to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall be taken and received in payment in all bargains, contracts, purchases, agreements, dealings, debts, dues and demands, according to the sum specified in said bill; to be taken and received at the rate or value of fifteen shillings for every two dollars, and so in proportion for a larger or less sum, and of equal value, in the payment of such bargain, contract, purchase, agreement, dealing, debt, due and demand whatsoever, with two Spanish milled dollars, each weighing seventeen penny weight and six grains; and sixty shillings of the emission aforesaid, shall be taken and received at the rate of, or equal in value to one gold half johannes of Portugal, weighing nine penny weight, and in the like proportion for all other gold or silver coin, any contract, agreement or bargain, between parties to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, from and after the publication of this Act, shall refuse to receive any of the said bills of credit, when tendered in payment of any debt, bargain, contract or demand whatsoever, provided the whole of the said debt or demand be so tendered, such person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, so refusing, shall be for ever barred from suing for or recovering the same before any Judge, or in any court of this State.

And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person whatsoever shall, after the passing of this Act, refuse to take and receive any of the bills of credit aforesaid, in payment for any live stock, necessary of life, commodity, manufacture, article or goods whatsoever, which he or she shall sell or expose to sale, or offer the same for a less price or smaller sum of money to be paid in gold or silver, than in the bills of credit emitted as aforesaid, or that shall give or receive a greater nominal sum of said bills of credit for a less in gold or silver, every such person, being thereof legally convicted in any court of general quarter-sessions of the peace in this State, (or before one Justice of the peace, in cases where the forfeiture shall not exceed five pounds) shall, for every offence, forfeit and pay the value of the article or articles so sold or exposed to sale, one moiety thereof to the person or persons giving information of the same and prosecuting the offender to conviction, and the other moiety for the use of the poor of the city, district or township where the offence shall be committed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the party giving information as aforesaid shall be admitted a competent witness on the trial of offenders against this Act, any law, custom or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this Act, if any person or persons shall, within this state or elsewhere, prepare, engrave, stamp, forge or print, the counterfeit resemblance of any paper bills of credit which shall be issued, emitted and made in virtue of this Act, or shall counterfeit or sign the name or names of the signer or signers of the said bills of credit to such counterfeit bills of credit, with an intention that such counterfeit bills of credit shall be passed in payments or received as genuine and good bills, whether the same be so passed or received or not; or if any person or persons shall, in this State, pass, pay or tender in payment any such counterfeit money, or deliver the same to any other person or persons, with an intention that they be passed, paid or received, as and for good and genuine, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, every such person, being thereof legally convicted or attainted in any court of Oyer and Terminer within this State, by verdict of a jury or confession of the party offending, or being indicted thereof shall stand mute, or not directly answer to the indictment, or shall peremptorily challenge more than the number of twenty persons, legally returned to be of the jury for the trial of such offender, shall be adjudged a felon, and shall suffer death without benefit of clergy. And if any person or persons shall counterfeit any of the bills of credit, by altering the denomination thereof, with design to encrease the value of such bills, or shall utter such bills, knowing them to be so counterfeited or altered, as aforesaid, and shall be thereof legally convicted in any court of record in this State, such person or persons shall be sentenced to the pillory, and have both his or her ears cut off and nailed to the pillory, and be publicly whipped, on his or her bare back, with thirty-nine lashes, well laid on; and, moreover, every such offender shall forfeit the sum of two thousand pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, to be levied on his or her lands and tenements, goods and chattels, the one moiety to the use of the State, and the other moiety to the discoverer; and the offender shall pay to the party grieved double the value of the damages thereby sustained, together with costs and charges of prosecution: and in case the offender hath not sufficient to satisfy the discoverer for his or her damages and charges, and to pay the forfeiture aforesaid, in such case the offender shall, by order of the court where he or she shall be convicted, be sold as a servant, for any term not exceeding seven years, for satisfaction.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of June next, no money shall be received in taxes, or other public dues in this State, other than gold or silver, or bills of credit by law equivalent thereto: And that the Treasurer of this State be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, to set apart the sum of two hundred thousand pounds, of the money to be emitted in pursuance of the directions of this Act, for the purpose of exchanging old continental bills of credit, the common wealth money, emitted by an Act passed the 20th of March, 1777, and the money heretofore emitted by the resolves of the Assemblies of Pennsylvania, according to the rate of exchange to be declared by the President and Supreme Executive Council, agreeable to the powers vested in them by an Act passed the 23d of December, 1780; and in order to accommodate the people possessing any of the said old continental, commonwealth, or resolve-money, in the several counties of this State, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to employ the several county Treasurers in exchanging the same, according to the said rates declared by the Supreme Executive Council, and under such restrictions as they may judge proper and necessary.

Signed by order of the House,
FREDERICK A. MUHLENBERG, Speaker.

Enacted into a Law at Philadelphia, on Saturday, the seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.
SAMUEL STERRET, Clerk of the Assembly.

Philadelphia, April 25, 1781.

THE Contributors to the FUND, for the relief of the poor and distressed widows and children of Presbyterian Ministers, are requested to meet with the Corporation, at the meeting of Synod, the ensuing May in this city, to consult with them upon methods of paying the Annuities and preserving the Fund.

By order of the Board,
JAMES SPROAT, Secretary.

THE CONTRIBUTORS to the PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL are requested to meet at the said Hospital, on Monday, the 7th Day of May next, between the hours of Three and Five in the Afternoon, in order to elect Twelve Managers and a Treasurer for the Year thence ensuing, according to Law.

St. PIERRE, (Martinique) Feb. 15, 1781.

The privateer Holker, of Philadelphia, 16 ſix-pounders, ſailed laſt week on a cruize, and returned into this port on the 12th inſtant, with an Engliſh cutter, the Hypocrite, of 12 nine and 4 twelve-pounders, which ſhe took the day before, between Grand Terre and Antigua, after an action of three quarters of an hour. The cutter chaſed the Holker, who affected to run from her till the cutter came up within cloſe ſhot. The cutter had ſailed from St. Kitts on the 8th, had 7 men wounded and 4 killed, among the latter is the Captain: The Holker had 3 killed and one wounded.

A cutter lately arrived from England at St. Lucia, and ſailed immediately to join Admiral Rodney, and brought an account that a Cork fleet deſtined for the iſlands, under convoy of three ſhips of war, fell in with a French fleet, about 400 leagues from the iſlands, from which the cutter eſcaped with difficulty.

Two American frigates, one of 26 guns, from New-London, and another of 36 guns, from Boſton, have juſt arrived at this port. The Captain of a veſſel from Holland, which they retook off this iſland and ſent to New-England, informed them, that 43 days ago he met a large French fleet, and 2 days after an Engliſh fleet of tranſports, convoyed by one ſhip of the line and three frigates. The Captain thinks they muſt have met each other.

February 22. By a Holland veſſel lately arrived at Amſterdam from the Eaſt-Indies, we are informed, that ſome French men of war have taken and carried into the Cape of Good Hope three of the Engliſh India ſhips.

The privateer Holker, of Philadelphia, left this harbour on Sunday laſt, and has taken an Engliſh brig, which left St. Lucia that day, and ſent her in here. By perſons on board the brig we learn, there were 13 ſhips of the line at St. Lucia ready for ſea, and three others laid up. Rodney left 600 men at St. Euſtatia.

March 1. The noted privateer Holker, commanded by Captain Kean, came in here on Monday laſt, with a ſhip of 16 guns, the cargoe of which is valued at between 2 and 300,000 livres. This rich prize having ſailed from Glaſgow, touched at Cork, and has been about 6 weeks from the laſt mentioned port. Captain Kean met her to windward of Antigua, and took her after a ſingle diſcharge of his muſquetry, without the loſs of a ſingle man. According to the report of the Captain of this prize, a large fleet had ſailed from the Thames 3 weeks before he left Europe, and a report prevailed in Ireland that it had fallen in with the fleet commanded by our Vice-Admiral, Count d'Eſtaing, who had ſuffered very few of them to eſcape.

A ſmall force was lately ſent to ſurprize Deſeada, but their ſtratagem failed, and they were taken priſoners and ſent to Guadaloupe.

We are informed that 25 ſail of merchantmen and tranſports are arrived at Lucia, which left Europe under convoy of two frigates. We know not whether they were part of the great fleet which ſailed from the Thames; but it is taken for granted in the Engliſh iſlands, that Count d'Eſtaing has made a rich capture. It is aſſerted that he took the ſhips of war which convoyed the fleet. Paſſengers lately arrived in a flag of truce from Montſerrat confirm this account.

By a veſſel which left Bayonne, January 7, and arrived here yeſterday, we hear, that on the 26th of December the Prince of Naſſau had executed his project of a deſcent on the iſlands of Jerſey and Guernſey with 12,000 men,

BOSTON, *April* 12.

Since our laſt arrived at Marblehead, Capt. Roſs, from Cadiz, in a paſſage of eight weeks: He brings the following intelligence: That Admirals Digby and Derby had ſailed for Gibraltar with 27 ſail of the line: That in conſequence of which Count d'Eſtaing immediately ſailed from Breſt, with a large fleet, in order to intercept the Britiſh: And that a Spaniſh fleet conſiſting of 32 ſail of the line had ſailed from Cadiz Bay, in purſuit of the above Britiſh fleet.

Captain Roſs likewiſe informs, that there had been a Manifeſto publiſhed in Cadiz, authorizing all the ſubjects of the States of Holland to make repriſals of all Britiſh veſſels that may fall into their hands: That their High Mightineſſes had entered into a ſtate of alliance with France and Spain: And that they had hauled up nearly all the ſhips that were in Holland, in order, it is ſuppoſed, with a determination of fitting out a powerful fleet.

Laſt Sunday arrived at Newbury, the privateer ſhip Thorn, Captain Tucker, having captured a ſecond prize, viz. a ſhip from Liverpool bound to Charleſtown, mounting ſixteen 6 pounders; her cargo conſiſts of wine, brandy, dry goods, &c.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Cadiz to his friend in this town, dated February 6, 1781.

"The Spaniſh fleet ſail to-morrow, to intercept a Britiſh fleet ſaid to conſiſt of 22 ſail of the line, and 100 tranſports, gone with proviſions to ſupply the garriſon at Gibraltar.—The Spaniſh fleet conſiſts of 32 ſail of the line."

NEW-LONDON, April 13.

Saturday laſt was brought into port, by the letter of marque ſnow Rochambeau (late the Deſpencer) Captain Melally, the ſhip Polly, Jonathan Simpſon, late maſter, from Cork, bound to New-York, laden with pork, flour, butter, peas and cordage. She took in her lading at the Iſle of Wight, and joining a fleet of 40 ſail of tranſports at Corke, they ſailed from thence the firſt of December, under convoy of the ſhip Aſſurance, Captain Cummings, of 40 guns. The prize parted from the fleet the day after they left Corke, and was out 18 weeks.

CHATHAM, *April* 18.

Laſt Monday night Capt. Baker Hendricks went from Elizabeth-Town to Staten-Iſland, and brought off one Lieutenant and a private of the refugees, and one inhabitant.—Previous to the above, a party went over and brought off a Captain.

We hear from Brunſwick, that ſome whale-boats belonging to that place made a very ſucceſsful cruize to Long-Iſland this week.

BALTIMORE, *April* 17.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Leonard-Town, in St. Mary's county, in this State, dated the 9th inſtant.

"You will no doubt have heard before this reaches you, that the enemy's veſſels have been for ſome time in Patowmack, and that they have thrown the whole ſhores into commotion, and committed many depredations. They ſent a veſſel up to take off ſome loaded veſſels from Alexandria, and had actually got poſſeſſion of one of them, as we are told; but fortunately they were obliged to quit her, and failed in making their eſcape down the river, being purſued and run on ſhore in Virginia, where they were taken.—I am alſo informed, that ſome of the enemy's barges lately puſhed high up Patuxent river, and captured ſeveral craft loaded with tobacco, and did other damage.

"Some of the enemy's veſſels, I am told, now lie in the mouth of Wicomico river, in Patowmack."

Report ſays, that a few days after the arrival of Major-General Phillips, at Portſmouth, who hath now the command of that Britiſh poſt, Brigadier General Arnold was detached into North-Carolina, with a body of troops, in order to make a diverſion in favour of, and perhaps finally to join, Earl Cornwallis. This detachment, it is ſaid, embarked, in boats, at a place called North Landing, about 9 miles from Portſmouth, and proceeded by way of Currituck, Albemarle-Sound, &c.

The following intelligence was received, in its preſent form, juſt as this paper was going to preſs.

"*Alexandria, April* 15, 1781.

"*Enemy's veſſels* 12 *miles below Alexandria.* Ship Savage, Capt. Graves, ſhip Hope, Capt. Thomas, and ſhip General Monk, Capt. Douglaſs, of 16 guns and 125 men each; 2 brigs of 12 guns and 60 men each; ſchooner Jack in the Box, carrying one 18 pounder, three 9 pounders, three 4 pounders and 65 men; one ſchooner of 10 guns and 40 men, with 3 tenders.

"On Thurſday laſt a flag was ſent from the above ſquadron to Major Lyles, for a ſupply of vegetables and freſh proviſions, and adviſing the militia to lay down their arms, offering to pay for every thing that ſhould be ſupplied them; but that if their boats were fired upon, and their application ſlighted, they would burn and deſtroy. On being aſſured by the Major, that no part of their requiſition could be granted, and that the militia were armed and would defend themſelves, nine barges were ſent from the ſquadron, with 200 men, who landed under a heavy cannonade, and burnt all the Major's houſes, killed and carried off hogs, ſheep, poultry, &c. The militia fired on the barges, and killed two men.—On Saturday laſt, 11 men landed from one of the enemy's barges, to cut wood. They were attacked at 40 yards diſtance from the ſhore, and all made priſoners, by Capt. Williams's party of Bladenſburg volunteers."

From the NEW-YORK MERCURY, *of April* 16.

St. EUSTATIUS.

Head-Quarters, 6th February, 1781.

HIS Excellency the Commander in Chief orders, that every inhabitant of this iſland, without exception, do forthwith render a full and juſt account to the Quarter-Maſter-General, of all his effects, of every deſcription whatſoever, viz. Plantations, houſes, furniture, plate, merchandize, ſlaves, horſes, horned cattle, and all other four footed beaſts.

This order to be complied with in its fulleſt ſenſe, on pain of confiſcation and baniſhment.

JAMES COCKBURN, Q. M. G.

N. B. All inventories to be in Engliſh.

February 22. All inhabitants of this iſland (foreigners and native Dutch excepted) are to deliver into the Q. M. G. by 12 o'clock to-morrow, ſigned certificates of the time they have reſided in the iſland.

All merchants and traders on this iſland are forthwith to give up their books of correſpondence, letters, &c. to the Quarter-Maſter-General. His Excellency the Commander in Chief orders that all Americans do leave this iſland, and that they be on the beach this afternoon, by five o'clock, when boats will be ready to carry them off.

March 1. Whereas it appears by the inventories of effects given in by the merchants and inhabitants of this place, that moſt of them have neglected to make a return of caſh and plate they ſtood poſſeſſed of at the ſurrender of this iſland. It is hereby ordered that they do forthwith give in to the Quarter-Maſter-General an exact account of all monies and plate now in their poſſeſſion, as well belonging to themſelves as other people, for which they are to be reſponſible when required. And if any future diſcoveries ſhall be made of monies or plate, concealed after this return is given in, it will be deemed the property of no particular individual.

March 2. All merchants at preſent reſiding in this place, who are inhabitants of Amſterdam, are to prepare to leave this iſland forthwith, and to return to Holland. They are to give their names to Mr. Brookes, Secretary to the iſland, at Mr. Henricus Godets, between the hours of nine and twelve o'clock, to-morrow morning.

We are informed, that a Captain who formerly commanded a Britiſh tranſport ſhip bound for New-York, with a convoy had quited the convoy, and carried his ſhip into the Delaware, and ſome time afterwards ſailed from thence in an American brig and arrived a few days ago in Sir G. Rodney's trap at St. Euſtatia. He was tried by a court martial as a traitor to his country, found guilty, and on Saturday laſt was executed. It is ſaid his name is Leach.

April 18. Yeſterday arrived here the rebel privateer brig Peggy, of fourteen ſix-pounders and forty men. She was fitted out at Newbern, in North-Carolina, by one Stanley, who loaded her with rum, indigo and part of his houſhold furniture. Stanley's inſtructions to her commander were to proceed to Philadelphia, deliver up her cargoe, and then go on a cruiſe, in company with the privateer Gen. Naſh, off Sandy-Hook. The Peggy was taken by one of his Majeſty's ſhips in lat. 38: 40, and in attempting to eſcape threw 13 of her guns overboard.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.

Saturday laſt arrived here the Fair American privateer, from a ſucceſsful cruize.

A fleet of between 20 and 30 ſail of men of war was ſeen to the windward of Martinico, when our veſſels left that iſland. Theſe ſhips are ſuppoſed to be from Old France, and are ſaid to have on board between ten and fifteen thouſand men, which will make the forces of our allies equal, if not ſuperior to that of the Britiſh in thoſe parts.

Extract of a letter from St. Pierre (Martinique) March 18, 1781.

"Arrived here the 5th inſtant, from Breſt, in 44 days, a lugger with diſpatches from the Miniſter to the General the Marquis de Bouillie, adviſing him of an approaching arrival of a large fleet, conſiſting of 400 ſail, or thereabouts, among which he expects 30 ſail of the line. I hope ſoon to be able to give a more particular account of this piece of news."

Extract of a letter from Martinique, dated March 4.

"The States General are making the greateſt preparations to fit out a formidable fleet: It is expected they will have 50 ſail of the line ready by the beginning of the campaign. They have ſent great reinforcements to their Eaſt-India poſſeſſions.

"Portugal has acceded to the armed neutrality; has 8 ſhips of the line already fit for ſea, in the Tagus, and it is expected will have 18 by the beginning of April.

"The death of the Empreſs Queen will not at all derange the political ſyſtem of the Northern Powers.

"It is confidently reported and believed, that Count d'Eſtaing, in his paſſage from Cadiz to Breſt, where he arrived the 8th of January, captured 40 ſail of Engliſh tranſports and ſome ſhips of the line that eſcorted them, deſtined to the windward iſlands and Jamaica, on board of which was a conſiderable number of troops. The long paſſage of this fleet will prevent the reinforcement ſailing for America as ſoon as was expected."

The laſt veſſels from the Havanna bring the following intereſting intelligence: On the 4th of January the important fort of San Juan de Nicaragua, on the Spaniſh main, was re-taken by his Catholic Majeſty's forces; part of the garriſon were taken, and the reſt eſcaped in boats the preceding night, or elſe they would have ſhared the ſame fate.—On the 18th ult. General Galvez forced the poſt on Roſe's iſland, at the entrance of Penſacola bay; the 19th he entered the harbour with the convoy from the Havanna; the 23d arrived another convoy from New-Orleans, and on the 26th both diviſions and the army, with another body of troops from Mobille, commanded by Colonel Don Joſeph Ezpeleta, were joined at Penſacola camp, preparing to begin the attack of that place.—A fleet of 8 ſail of Britiſh ſhips of the line having been, as it was ſaid, diſpatched to the ſuccour of Penſacola, the Spaniſh fleet, under Admiral Solano, having a body of troops on board, and ſome French ſhips under M. Montieull, making together 18 ſhips of the line, were immediately ordered to ſea, with a deſign to intercept the enemy.

Monday laſt arrived here the brig Virginia, Captain All, after a paſſage of 9 weeks, from l'Orient, in France, who confirms the accounts we have already had reſpecting the ſpirited preparations of the States of Holland, to retaliate the injuries ſuſtained by them from the Court of Great Britain; but that nothing very material had happened, except an action in the channel of England, between two ſhips of 50 guns each, belonging to the reſpective nations, which, however, was not deciſive, both veſſels having at the ſame time left the ſcene of action.

In COUNCIL,

APRIL 9.

WHEREAS by an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the twenty-third of December laſt, intituled "An Act to "compleat the quota of the fœderal army aſſigned to this "State," certain duties were enjoined upon the Commiſſioners of the city and ſeveral counties, and on the neglect or refuſal thereof (except in caſe of ſickneſs or removal) ſuch Commiſſioner ſhould be fined by the Supreme Executive Council of this State, in any ſum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds. AND WHEREAS there is reaſon to believe divers of the ſaid Commiſſioners have not rendered a punctual compliance with the ſaid law, inaſmuch as the ſaid quotas of recruits have not been provided as directed, nor have the monies to be levied on the delinquent claſſes been paid into the reſpective County Treaſurers, as they ought to have been. This Board therefore conceiving it to be their indiſpenſible duty to enquire into, and remedy delinquencies, in points ſo eſſential to the welfare of the State;

Reſolved, That unleſs ſufficient cauſe be ſhewn to this Board by the delinquent Commiſſioners on the eaſt ſide of Suſquehanna by the firſt of May, and by thoſe on the weſt ſide of Suſquehanna by the twelfth of May (the counties of Bedford, Northumberland and Weſtmoreland, excepted, who are allowed to the firſt of June next) this Board will proceed to levy the penalty as by law directed, without reſpect to perſons.

APRIL 16.

On conſideration, Ordered, That the Agents for Confiſcated Eſtates do proceed to ſell the confiſcated eſtates in the city and ſeveral counties of this State, as ſoon as poſſible, according to the former orders of this Board.

APRIL 20.

Ordered, That Friday next be appointed to take into conſideration the Return of the propoſed Road, leading from Darby road to the bridge on Schuylkill, and that the ſame be publiſhed, in order that all perſons who have objections thereto may make them appear.

Extract from the Minutes,
T. MATLACK, Secretary.

WHEREAS the valuable LIBRARY, belonging to the State, has been ſcattered, by many gentlemen having taken Books to their own houſes and lodgings, which they have neglected to return. And a ſuitable Repoſitory for ſaid Books being now prepared at the public charge, it is MOST EARNESTLY REQUESTED, that all perſons poſſeſſed of ſaid Books, which are well known by the words "Aſſembly of Pennſylvania" being ſtamped on the out-ſide, will ſend them to the Council Chamber, or by a note inform the Clerk of the Council where the Books are, and a meſſenger will call for them. As moſt of the Books compoſing this Library are very valuable, and particularly uſeful to the Council, General Aſſembly, and other public bodies, it is hoped, that after this notice no gentleman will retain them. *By Order of the Council,*
T. MATLACK, Secretary.

IN COUNCIL.

Philadelphia, April 20, 1781.

ON conſideration, Ordered, That the Waggon Maſters of the reſpective counties of this State do make returns, on or before the twentieth day of May next, of their proceedings in conſequence of the order of this Board of the twenty-fifth day of July laſt, and that the checks of the certificates iſſued by them, for horſes purchaſed in purſuance of the ſaid order, be ſent to the Secretary on or before the ſaid twentieth day of May.

Ordered, That public notice be given to all perſons poſſeſſed of certificates of monies due for horſes, purchaſed by the Waggon Maſters of the reſpective counties for public ſervice, to bring in the ſame to the Council for payment, after the twentieth day of May next.

Ordered, That ſuch of the Commiſſioners appointed to purchaſe cattle, who have not already made returns of their proceedings, do immediately make returns thereof; and that the checks of the certificates iſſued by them for cattle, purchaſed in purſuance of the act of Aſſembly, paſſed the the firſt day of June laſt, intituled, "An Act "for procuring an immediate ſupply of proviſions for

" the fœderal army, in its prefent exigency," be fent to the Secretary on or before the twentieth day of May next.

Ordered, That public notice be given to all perfons poffeffed of certificates of monies due for cattle, purchafed by the Commiffioners for purchafing cattle in the refpective counties for public fervice, to bring in the fame to the Council for payment, after the twentieth day of May next.

Extract from the Minutes,
T. MATLACK, Secretary.

TO BE SOLD,

At the Coffee-houfe, on TUESDAY, the 8th of MAY, at SEVEN o'Clock in the Evening,

A Plantation in Providence Townfhip,

Philadelphia county, adjoining Norrington, bounded by lands of John Baker and others, on the Norrington road, about 19 miles from the city, containing about 100 acres, 24 acres of which is good woodland, the remainder cleared, about 7 acres of upland meadow, a good ftone barn, ftables and cow-houfe, a fmall ftone houfe, with a milk-houfe under it, a log houfe, pump and fmoak-houfe; alfo a good orchard and garden; now in the tenure of FRANCIS LALLEY, who will fhew the premifes. A good title will be given to the purchafer.

TO BE LETT,

And may be entered on the 28th inftant,

THAT commodious HOUSE, with Stores, Stables and Lot of Ground thereto belonging, on the weft fide of Second ftreet, above Arch-ftreet, formerly occupied by Leonard Melcher, deceafed, and now in the tenure of Mr. Mofes. The houfe 31 feet front, in depth, with the back buildings, upwards of 90 feet, contains 14 rooms, exclufive of the kitchen and accommodations for fervants; the lot extends from Second-ftreet to Moravian-alley, 250 feet. The advantageous fituation for bufinefs is too well known to require any recommendation.

Alfo A Three Story Brick HOUSE and KITCHEN, in Fifth-ftreet, next door to the corner of Walnut-ftreet.

Likewife A FARM, containing upwards of 200 acres, fituate in Horfham townfhip, about 19 miles from Philadelphia, adjoining Græme Park, of which it was formerly a part, and is entitled to a proportion of the range thereof; 100 acres cleared, about 20 of which is meadow, the greateft part watered by the Weft Branch of Neshaminey; the foil of the whole equal to any in the county; the wood land having been grubbed and fown with the beft grafs feed, affords excellent paffure for cattle. There are feveral places of worfhip in the vicinity, and a grift-mill on one of the adjoining farms.

AND TO BE SOLD,

A number of good Saddle Horfes, Breeding Mares and Colts, feveral of the latter are full blooded; a few Milch Cows, a Waggon, Cart, Gears, Plows, &c. For terms apply to ISAAC MELCHER, or to Mr. JOHN VANDEREN, jun. in Philadelphia.

A MASON and CARPENTER, difpofed to undertake the building of a BARN, to be paid in produce or fpecie, are requefted to communicate their terms to Mr. JAMES PAUL, near Græme Park. *April* 23, 1781.

TO BE SOLD,

FOUR LOTS of GROUND, contiguous to each other, in the borough of Lancafter, containing in front on Water-ftreet 250½ feet, and on Chefnut-ftreet 245 feet, to a 14 feet alley, on which is erected a commodious ftone dwelling-houfe, two ftories high, 40 feet by 35 feet, with two convenient fheds adjoining thereto, cellars under the whole dwelling-houfe; likewife a moft excellent tan-yard, containing 46 tan vats and handlers, with lime vats, bates, water pools, &c. there is likewife an excellent ftream of water conveyed through pipes that never was known to fail, and rifes above four feet high in faid tan-yard, which fills all the tan vats, water pools, &c. and can be conveyed unto the kitchen door of the above faid dwelling-houfe, with little or no coft in pipes, and water the garden and graf lots; there are alfo two convenient bark houfes, two fhaving houfes, two beam houfes, with a large loft above; alfo a leather room, mill-houfe, currying fhop, with a loft, lime-houfe, chaife-houfe, two large ftables, with lofts above for hay, and two large fheds for drying fole leather. An indifputable title will be given for the whole. For further particulars apply to DANIEL WHITELOCK, tanner, near Pools's-Bridge, in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia. *April* 24, 1781.

STOLEN out of the paffure of the fubfcriber, living in Londongrove townfhip, Chefter county, on Saturday, the 21ft of this inftant, at night, A Bay HORSE, about 14 hands high, paces and trots, about 9 years old, no brand, fhod all round. Whoever fecures the thief and horfe fhall receive TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD, or ONE HUNDRED for the horfe, and reafonable charges, paid by ¶ DAVID MACKEY.

April 22, 1781.

ALL perfons intereſted in the Partnerfhip of EDMUND EGAN, JAMES STEWART and JOHN ROLSTON, who have debts againft the Company, are defired to fend them to Mr. WILLIAM ROBINSON, in Southwark, my Attorney, immediately, as the Partnerfhip was diffolved the 13th day of February laft. ¶ EDMUND EGAN.

Philadelphia, April 23, 1781.

WAS taken up by the fubfcriber, on the 22d inftant, a bright bay HORSE, about thirteen and an half hands high, a natural pacer, age unknown. Whoever has loft faid horfe, proving property and paying charges, may have him again, by applying to JACOB PARKER, at the Bettering-Houfe, Philadelphia. ¶ *March* 24.

Salem County, April 7, 1781.

WHEREAS my wife, SARAH HOPKINS, hath elopped from my bed and board, and hath taken and conveyed away many things, and hath run me in debt: I do hereby forbid all perfons crediting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date. CHARLES HOPKINS. ¶

Vincent townfhip, Chefter county, April 2, 1781.

ALL perfons indebted to the eftate of CONRAD SKIMER, late of Vincent aforefaid, are requefted to make fpeedy payment, in order to avoid trouble; and thofe who have any juft demands againft faid eftate, are defired to bring in their accounts, properly attefted, that they may be fettled and paid.

¶ ISAAC SHUNK, Executor.

By his EXCELLENCY
JOSEPH REED, Eſquire, Preſident,
And the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennſylvania,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Congreſs of the United States of America, by their Reſolve of the twentieth day of March laſt, did recommend the following words, viz.

"AT all times it is our duty to acknowledge the over-ruling Providence of the great Governor of the Univerſe, and devoutly to implore his Divine Favour and Protection. But in the hour of calamity and impending danger, when by fire and the ſword, by the ſavages of the wilderneſs, and by our own domeſticks, a vindictive enemy purſues a war of rapine and devaſtation with unrelenting fury, we are peculiarly excited, with true penitence of heart, to proſtrate ourſelves before our great Creator, and fervently to ſupplicate his gracious Interpoſition for our Deliverance.

"The United States in Congreſs aſſembled, therefore, do earneſtly recommend, That THURSDAY, the THIRD of MAY next, may be obſerved as a Day of Humiliation, Faſting and Prayer, that we may, with united hearts, confeſs and bewail our manifold ſins and tranſgreſſions, and by ſincere repentance and amendment of life appeaſe his righteous diſpleaſure, and through the merits of our bleſſed Saviour obtain pardon and forgiveneſs: That it may pleaſe Him to inſpire our rulers with incorruptible integrity, and to direct and proſper their councils: To inſpire all our citizens with a fervent and diſintereſted love of their country, and to preſerve and ſtrengthen their union: To turn the hearts of the diſaffected, or to fruſtrate their devices: To regard with divine compaſſion our friends in captivity, affliction and diſtreſs, to comfort and relieve them under their ſufferings, and to change their mourning into grateful ſongs of triumph: That it may pleaſe him to bleſs our Ally, and to render the connection formed between theſe United States and his kingdoms a mutual and laſting benefit to both nations: To animate our officers and forces by ſea and land with invincible fortitude, and to guard and protect them in the day of battle, and to crown our joint endeavours for terminating the calamities of war with victory and ſucceſs: That the bleſſings of Peace and Liberty may be eſtabliſhed on an honourable and permanent baſis, and tranſmitted inviolate to the lateſt poſterity: That it may pleaſe him to proſper our huſbandry and commerce, and to bleſs us with health and plenty: That it may pleaſe him to bleſs all ſchools and ſeminaries of learning, and to grant that truth, juſtice and benevolence, and pure and undefiled Religion may univerſally prevail.

"And it is recommended to all the People of theſe States, to aſſemble for Public Worſhip and abſtain from labour on the ſaid Day."

WHEREFORE, as well in reſpect of the ſaid recommendation of Congreſs, as from a due ſenſe of the neceſſity of humbling ourſelves before the Great Governor of the univerſe, and imploring his protection and ſupport, We do hereby direct and order that the ſaid THURSDAY, the third day of May next, be ſet apart, in this Commonwealth, as a day of Humiliation, Faſting and Prayer, according to the ſaid Reſolve. And that all perſons within this State abſtain from ſervile labour and recreation on the ſaid day.

GIVEN, by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Eſq; Preſident, and the ſeal of the State, at Philadelphia, this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, Preſident.

Atteſt. T. MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

A red Leather POCKET-BOOK,

Marked BENJ. LOXLEY, in large gold letters, on the outſide, was loſt on Saturday, April 21, 1781, about ten o'clock, between Arch-ſtreet and Glouceſter-point. It contained ſome money and valuable papers. Any perſon that will deliver it, with the papers, &c. to WILLIAM DARRAH, in Second-ſtreet, near Spruce-ſtreet, or Capt. LESON SIMMONS, in Moravian-alley, near Arch-ſtreet, ſhall receive FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS Reward. ¶

Purſuant to an Order of ORPHAN'S COURT,

Will be SOLD by Public Vendue,

At the Houſe of ABRAHAM HUGHS, in the townſhip of Haverford,

On SATURDAY,

The 12th of MAY next, the Sale to begin preciſely at TWO o'CLOCK in the Afternoon,

THE Three Meſſuages and Tracts of Land hereafter deſcribed, to wit, Firſt, A PLANTATION, ſituate in the townſhip of Darby, containing 75 acres of land, a part thereof is meadow, and a ſufficient quantity of wood land, and the reſt good arable land, with a good bearing orchard, and a ſtone dwelling-houſe, barn, ſtable and other out-houſes thereon erected.

Another PLANTATION, ſituate in the townſhip of Haverford, containing 84 acres, a ſufficient quantity thereof good watered meadow, and plenty of wood land, the plow land fertile, with a good bearing orchard, a good dwelling-houſe, barn, ſtables and ſpring-houſe thereon erected.

And alſo that noted INN or TAVERN, known by the name of the SWAN or FOX-CHASE, now in the tenure of the aforeſaid Abraham Hughs, with nine acres of land thereunto belonging.

All which ſeveral tracts of land and appurtenances were the property of William Lewis, late of the townſhip of Haverford, in the county of Cheſter, and State of Pennſylvania, deceaſed.

The conditions will be made known at the time and place of ſale, by WILLIAM LEWIS, Adminiſtrator.

April 20, 1781. ¶

FORTY SHILLINGS REWARD.

STRAYED AWAY, the 25th of March, 1781, TWO COLTS, the one an iron grey, natural pacer, two years old, trimmed about the head and ears, long tail; the other a brown, with a ſtar in its forehead, one year old, natural trotter. Whoever has or may take up ſaid colts, or give information to the owner, ſo as he may have them again, ſhall have the above reward, and reaſonable charges, paid by ¶ SILAS YERKES.

To be Sold by Public SALE,

At the Coffee-houſe, on WEDNESDAY evening, the 16th of May, 1781, if not diſpoſed of before at private ſale, viz.

No. 1. A LOT, containing nine acres of LAND, in the Iriſh Tract, on the weſt ſide of Shippen's lane, adjoining lands of Chriſtopher and Charles Marſhall, Joſeph Stamper and others; it is very convenient for a paſture, or for mowing, the ſoil being of a good quality for graſs, has the conveniency of a well and a ſmall pond within it which are never dry; there is, beſides, a ſmall orchard of grafted apple-trees on the ſame.

No. 2. A piece of banked meadow, patented for 12 acres and a half, on Greenwich iſland, a ſmall diſtance from the bridge, called the New Stone-bridge, it adjoins Valentine Standley's meadow on the eaſt, John Sprogel's on the ſouth, the widow Allen's on the weſt, and Timber creek on the north. This meadow is in tolerable good order, and the banks are not apt to be damaged by the floods.

No. 3. A ſmall ſeat in the Northern Liberties, about three miles from the city, on Nice's lane, which leads from Nicetown, on Germantown road, to the Fall's road, it adjoins on the eaſt that elegant ſeat now occupied by Dr. Bond, jun.

This place contains 10 acres and a quarter of land, has a ſmall tenement on it, a good apple orchard, and an excellent ſpring of water ſufficient for a milk-houſe, at a convenient diſtance from the dwelling-houſe, beſides having the advantage of a conſtant ſtream of water running acroſs the place, which waters a piece of meadow; the ſoil is of a good quality for all kinds of fruit trees, or for a garden, and the ſituation and other conveniences of this place for improvement, make it well adapted for forming a ſummer retreat for a citizen.

No. 4. A lot of ground, 33 feet front and 192 feet deep, in Germantown, on the main ſtreet, which has on it a large ſtone houſe, with a kitchen back of the ſame, there is a frame ſtable, a well of good water, and other improvements on the ſaid lot; it adjoins the Friends meeting houſe lot on the north, is pleaſantly ſituated, a good ſtand for buſineſs (being the place where Moſes Hall formerly carried on the retail trade in a very extenſive way) and is now occupied as a tavern by Nicholas Weber.

Thoſe who incline to purchaſe may know the terms, and further particulars, by applying to the ſubſcriber, or they will be made known at the time of ſale.

† OWEN BIDDLE.

One Ton of BAR-IRON Reward,

(or the value thereof in currency)

RAN away from James Sharps, in Sadſbury townſhip, Cheſter county, on the 10th day of April, 1779, a remarkable likely Negroe Man, very black, named ABEL, about 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, with a mole on one of his cheeks, his cloathes unknown; it is ſuppoſed he harbours between New-Caſtle and St. George's, or about Apoquinimink, in Delaware State, as he has ſome friends that are freemen living in a cedar-ſwamp in that neighbourhood. Whoever takes up ſaid Negroe, and ſecures him in any goal, or brings him to his maſter, living at Hopewell forge, in Lancaſter county, ſhall have the above reward, paid by

PETER GRUBB.

N. B. It is probable he will paſs for a freeman, he having got a paſs from a free Negroe, named NAT, and may paſs by that name. *March* 31, 1781. ¶

Baltimore, March 8, 1781.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber, in Baltimore town, a NEGROE FELLOW, about 18 or 20 years of age; he is a likely fellow and very artful: Had on and took with him, one blue cloth coat, with a red cape and edging, one pair of blue breeches, one pair of leather ditto, two or three veſts of different colours, one country and one fine linen ſhirt, worſted ſtockings, a ſmall round hat, and a new pair of double ſoaled ſhoes. He has been ſeen at Phillips's, on the Philadelphia road, on a ſmall bay horſe, with a new ſaddle. Whoever takes up the ſaid Negroe, ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive, if 20 miles from town, Three Hundred Dollars, if out of the State, Six Hundred Dollars, and if 100 miles from town, One Thouſand Dollars, paid by

NICHOLAS RUSTON MOORE.

N. B. The above Negroe has been ſeen in town, and all maſters of veſſels and others are forbid to harbour or carry him off at their peril. ¶

Lower-Salford, April 16, 1781.

Three Half Johanneſſes Reward.

STOLEN laſt night from the ſubſcribers, living in the townſhip of Lower-Salford, in the county of Philadelphia, a dark brown HORSE, having a ſtar in his forehead, and is about 14 hands and an half high, five years old this ſeaſon, paces and trots, and is high ſpirited.

Alſo was ſtolen the ſame night from Jacob Overholt, a ſaddle and bridle; and likewiſe from Jacob Kolb's fulling-mill, a piece of brown cloth, containing about eight yards and an half; alſo a piece of camblet, of a mixed colour, blue and red, containing about five yards and a quarter; and a piece of brown worſted, containing four yards and an half; and alſo an old brown woman's gown. It is ſuppoſed that the above was ſtolen by two thieves. Whoever takes up ſaid thief or thieves, horſe, ſaddle, cloth and ſtuffs, ſhall receive One Half Johannes for the horſe, One for the other goods, and One for the thief or thieves, when convicted thereof, from

JOHN DELP, and
¶ JACOB KOLB.

WAS taken up on the 12th of March laſt, treſpaſſing on the premiſes of the ſubſcriber, in East Caln townſhip, Cheſter county, a black HORSE, with a white face, about 8 years old, near 15 hands high. The owner is deſired to come, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away in ſix weeks from the date hereof, otherwiſe he will be ſold for the ſame.

April 14, 1781. ¶ ISAAC PIM.

Glouceſter county, April 23, 1781.

TO all whom it may concern. Whereas my wife, ELIZABETH CHEW, regardleſs of the ſolemn obligation of matrimony, hath, during my captivity with the enemy, been guilty of the act of incontinency: I do therefore hereby give notice, and forewarn all perſons truſting her on my account, as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting after the date hereof.

¶ AARON CHEW.

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, *Esq; President, and the* SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL *of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the following named persons, late, and heretofore inhabitants of this State, that is to say; Jonathan Adams, snuff-maker, and Susanna his wife, now or late of the township of Germantown; now or late of the county of Philadelphia: And Joseph Paxton, yeoman, now or late of the township of Middletown; John Reid, now or late a military officer in the British service, now or late of the township of Tinnicum; and Samuel Harvey, yeoman, now or late of the township of Upper Makefield; all now or late of the county of Bucks: And Richard Buffington, the elder, yeoman, now or late of the township of East-Bradford; Henry Gordon, now or late a military officer in the British service, now or late of the township of Kennett; and Stephen Anderson and Benjamin Fincher, yeomen, now or late of the township of New Garden; all now or late of the county of Chester: And Christian Vought, apothecary, now or late of the borough of Lancaster; and Nicholas Houssecker, yeoman, now or late of the township of Lebanon; both now or late of the county of Lancaster: And Martin Blackford, yeoman, now or late of the township of Warrington; now or late of the county of York: And Samuel Lindsay, yeoman, now or late of the township of Guilford; now or late of the county of Cumberland; And Thomas Hughes, yeoman, now or late of the township of Augusta; now or late of the county of Northumberland: And Alexander Ross, yeoman, now or late of the township of Pitt; now or late of the county of Westmoreland, have severally adhered to, and knowingly and willingly aided and assisted the enemies of this State, and of the United States of America, by having joined their armies within this State, or elsewhere. We, the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers and authorities to us given by an Act of General Assembly, intitled "An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this Commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon," Do hereby strictly charge and require the said Jonathan Adams, and Susanna his wife, Joseph Paxton, Samuel Harvey, Richard Buffington, the elder, Stephen Anderson, Benjamin Fincher, Christian Vought, Nicholas Houssecker, Martin Blackford, Samuel Lindsay, Thomas Hughes, and Alexander Ross, to render themselves respectively, to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the counties within this State, on or before Thursday, the tenth day of May, next ensuing, and also abide their legal trial for such their treasons: And we do in like manner require the said John Reid and Henry Gordon to render themselves respectively to some one of the Justices aforesaid, on or before Thursday, the first day of November next ensuing; and also abide their legal trial for such their treasons, on pain that every of them, the said Jonathan Adams, and Susanna his wife, Joseph Paxton, John Reid, Samuel Harvey, Richard Buffington, the elder, Henry Gordon, Stephen Anderson, Benjamin Fincher, Christian Vought, Nicholas Houssecker, Martin Blackford, Samuel Lindsay, Thomas Hughes and Alexander Ross, not rendering themselves as aforesaid, and abiding the trial aforesaid, shall, from and after the said tenth day of May, and first day of November, respectively, stand and be attainted of high treason to all intents and purposes, and shall suffer such pains and penalties, and undergo all such forfeitures, as persons attainted of high treason ought to do: And all the faithful subjects of this State are to take notice of this Proclamation, and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN by order of the COUNCIL, *under the hand of his Excellency* JOSEPH REED, *Esq; President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this 20th day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one.*

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest. T. MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

At a General Meeting of the Members of the *PHILADELPHIA* CONTRIBUTIONSHIP, for the INSURANCE of HOUSES from LOSS by FIRE, held the 9th instant, the following Resolutions were made, viz.

THAT no Houses having a Tree or Trees planted before them in the street shall be Insured or Re-insured.

That if any Person in future having a House Insured shall plant a Tree or Trees before it in the Street, if not removed in three Months from the time of planting, shall forfeit the benefit of the Insurance. ¶

April 17, 1781.

The noted full blooded Horse

GOLDEN FARMER,

TO COVER the ensuing season, at the subscriber's stable, in Birmingham township, Chester county, near where the battle of Brandywine was fought, at FOUR POUNDS in specie the season, or the value thereof.

The Golden Farmer was imported in the year 1776, at two years old, is 16 hands high, a beautiful bay, with a star, and one white foot, black mane and legs; superior in appearance and performance to any horse in America. Good pasturage will be provided, and proper care taken of the mares. The money is expected to be paid before they are taken away. WILLIAM HARVEY.

April 9, 1781. ¶

London Grove township, April 9, 1781.

THIS is to inform the Public, that JOHN M'KEE, who formerly kept tavern at New-London, Cross-Roads, has moved to Chatham, formerly known by the name of the Half-way House; where he intends keeping good entertainment for gentlemen travellers; and all those who will favour him with their custom, or make it their stage, their favours will be gratefully acknowledged by their humble servant, † JOHN M'KEE.

TO BE LETT,

That large and well accustomed INN,

In Chester, lately occupied by VALENTINE WEAVER. Immediate possession will be given. For terms apply to CHARLES THOMSON.

Philadelphia, April 9, 1781.

Philadelphia, April 16, 1781.

NOTICE is hereby given, to all male white Inhabitants belonging to the city Philadelphia and district Militia, from the age of eighteen to fifty three years; to give their personal attendance under their respective officers, on the following Muster-Days, agreeable to the Militia Law of this State, viz. On the 23d and 30th of April, in companies; on the 7th and 14th of May, in battalion; and on the 21st, the First; 22d, the Second; 23d, the Third; 24th, the Fourth; 25th, the Fifth; and 28th, the 6th battalion; and on the 29th, in Brigade. WILLIAM HENRY,

Lieut. of the city Philadelphia and districts.

REAL ESTATE for SALE.

On WEDNESDAY,

The 9th day of May next, at 7 o'clock in the evening,

Will be SOLD by Public Vendue,

At the COFFEE-HOUSE,

The following

GROUND-RENT, TENEMENTS, and LOTS of GROUND, viz

No. 1. A GROUND-RENT of Forty-four Spanish Milled Dollars per annum, or so much current money as will purchase forty-four such dollars, payable half-yearly out of two Lots of Ground, the corner of Market and Sixth-streets; said lots are 39 feet 9 inches on Market-street, and 266 feet on Sixth street; thereon are erected an elegant brick house, stables, &c. now in possession of his Excellency the President of the State. The said ground-rent to be sold with the arrears due from the first of March, 1776, amounting to 228 Spanish dollars.

No. 2. A LOT of GROUND, situate on the north side of Vine-street, about mid-way between Third and Fourth-streets, 17 feet front on Vine-street, and in depth 90 feet, whereon is erected a two story brick kitchen, placed at a proper distance from the street to afford room for a house; said kitchen is now in the tenure of John Bushell, and lets for 24 l. lawful money per annum. The owner of the house adjoining, on the west side of this lot, has left out one foot of ground towards an Alley; and 12 l. 19s. has been paid towards party wall.

No. 3. A VACANT LOT adjoining the last, on the north end thereof, and fronting on Wood-street 17 feet, in depth it is 56 feet.

No. 4. A LOT of GROUND, on the south side of Catharine-street, between Front and Water-streets, 20 feet front an Catharine-street, and in depth 85 feet; on this lot is erected a two story brick tenement, 18 feet front, and a frame kitchen adjoining; now in the tenure of Warwick Hale, subject to a ground-rent of 50s. currency per annum.

No. 5. A LOT of GROUND, on the east side of Second-street, a little distance below Almond street, 17 and a half-feet on second-street, and extending in depth 200 feet; on this lot is erected a three story brick house, the width of the lot in front, two rooms on a floor; also, a kitchen, two stories high, connected to the house by a large piazza, and cellars under the whole; now in the tenure of Isaac Morton. It is accommodated with a three-foot alley, and a pump of excellent water at the door, subject to a ground-rent of 11 l. 13s. currency per annum. This building is now out of repair, having been damaged by the British troops whilst they lay in Philadelphia.

Good and sufficient titles will be made for the above immediately on the purchase money being paid, which must be within three days after the vendue; or the sale to be void at the choice of the subscribers.

JOHN KAIGHN,
WILLIAM ATTMORE.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, in New-London township, Chester county, on the 7th instant, about 10 o'clock at night,

A NEGROE Man, named ISAAC, a well countenanced fellow, speaks soft, and appears modest, is about 20 or 21 years of age, country born, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, one of his legs almost twice as thick as the other, and bends a little, though he does not appear very lame: Had on, when he went away, a country cloth coat of a light colour, with metal buttons, old brick coloured jacket, old breeches of a light colour, patched; yarn stockings, mixed black and white; coarse shoes, half soaled; took with him two Indian blankets, about half worn; he also took with him a black horse, about 14 hands high, 5 years old, paces and trots, branded, the letters forgot; some white hairs on his forehead, short bodied, no shoes on. It is alledged that the said negroe went off in company with a negroe woman, named Nancy, who says she is free, and that she has been in New-York and Baltimore town; she is an impudent hussey, and lived about seven weeks in the house with said negroe, and it is alledged she enticed him away. Whoever will take up and secure said negroe man and horse, so as the owner may have them again, shall have a REWARD of TWELVE DOLLARS SPECIE, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by JOHN MACKY.

N. B. It is found by inquiry that said negroe woman has often changed her name, as Nancy, Betty, &c. and is suspected to be a run-away. ¶ *April* 9, 1781.

CAME to the plantation of John Sellers, in Darby township, Chester county, some time in December last, two brown MARES, the one with a blaze in her face, the other about 14 hands high, neither brand nor ear-mark. The owner or owners are hereby desired to come, prove their property, pay charges, and take them away, otherwise they will be sold for the same.

April 4, 1781. WILLIAM MOORE,
ABNER EVANS.
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To be SOLD by Public Vendue,

On SATURDAY, the Fifth of May next, at Twelve o'Clock at noon, at the Coffee-House in this City, (if not disposed of before at private Sale,)

THAT commodious Dwelling-House, situated in Market-street, on the south west corner of Strawberry-alley, containing 14 feet in front on Market-street, and 30 feet on Strawberry-alley, subject to a ground-rent of 9l. Pennsylvania currency, per annum; The house is three stories high, and compleatly finished; with many other conveniencies and advantages of Vaults, Cellars, Necessary-house, &c. Nothing need be said respecting the goodness of the stand for business, it being, by every person allowed, one of the best situations in this city. The house may be seen, and conditions of sale made known, by applying to the subscriber on the premises; who will give a good title and immediate possession after the sale. JOHN LEVINS.

Also, Will be Sold by Public Vendue;

On SATURDAY, the Fifth of May, at the Coffee-House, at Twelve o'Clock, at noon, (if not Sold by private Sale before,)

That Elegant House, known by the Name of the BUCK TAVERN, on the Five Mile round, two and a half miles from the city of Philadelphia, with about three acres of choice land, with Kitchen, Sheds and Stables, &c. all of which are in good repair: most of the land is made into garden; the whole abounds with fruit Trees of almost every kind, well inclosed with a fence made of two inch plank, five feet high. The house is pleasantly situated, and commands a fine prospect of the river Delaware. The whole clear of any incumberance, being fee simple. Possession and a good title will be given as soon as the purchase money is paid. For conditions, &c. apply to said LEVINS, in Market-street.

N. B. The policy of Insurance has been renewed two years ago; the sum insured is Five hundred pounds in specie. *April* 4, 1781.

PURSUANT to an Act of General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, entituled, "An Act to raise the Supplies for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine," and other Acts of Assembly, &c. requiring the Commissioners of the respective Counties to put to Sale (after due Notice given, by way of Advertisement, in the Townships and County where such Lands lie, and in the public News-papers for three Months) all such Tracts of Land and real Estates, where the Owners have neglected to discharge the Taxes on the same:

THEREFORE we the Subscribers, Commissioners for the County of BUCKS, in pursuance of the said Acts, do give this public Notice to all Owners of such Lands, or other real Estates, that if they, or some Person or Persons in their Behalf, do not appear and discharge the Taxes hereafter mentioned, with all the Costs and Charges, within three Months from the Date hereof, they will be sold, or such a Part as will be sufficient to pay the several Taxes and Costs, agreeable to Law.

JOHN WILKINSON,
JOS. THOMAS,
SAMUEL SMITH.

Feb. 20, 1781.

	TINICUM Township.			
John Reed's Land, 1400 Acres,	First State Tax,	£	30	0 0
	Continental,		60	0 0
	Second State Tax,		51	16 0
	Third Ditto,		46	17 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		187	18 0
	County Ditto,		8	5 0
	BENSALEM Township.			
Joseph Galloway's late Estate, 1800 Acres,	Second State Tax,		894	12 0
Thomas Townsend, 40 Acres,	Ditto,		17	2 0
James Thornton, 150 Acres,	Ditto,		70	7 0
Edward Duffield, 50 Acres,	Ditto,		21	6 0
	HILLTOWN Township.			
--- Nicholson's Land, 500 Acres,	Second State Tax,		170	0 0
	Third Ditto,		141	2 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		564	8 0
	County Do.		28	5 0
	SOUTHAMPTON Township.			
Samuel Biles, 240 Acres,	Second State Tax,		93	12 0
Walter Willet, 173 Acres,	Second Ditto,		62	6 0
	SPRINGFIELD Township.			
Widow Greenleaf, 150 Acres,	Second State Tax,		88	4 0
	Third Ditto,		72	0 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		288	0 0
	County Ditto,		14	5 0
	RICHLAND Township.			
Jos. Galloway's late Land, 500 Acres,	Sec. State Tax,		117	0 0
	ROCKHILL Township.			
Andrew Reed's, 30 Acres,	Third State Tax,		4	13 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		18	12 0
	County Ditto,		0	5 0
----- Maybury's, 600 Acres,	Third State Tax,		140	0 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		560	0 0
	County Ditto,		64	16 0
	NOCKAMIXON Township.			
Simon Deal, 100 Acres,	Third State Tax,		20	2 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		80	8 0
	County Ditto,		1	0 0
Henry Freid, 90 Acres,	Third State Tax,		14	9 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		57	16 0
	County Ditto,		1	10 0
James Thatcher, 50 Acres,	Third State Tax,		6	17 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		27	8 0
Widow Williams, 5 Acres,	Third State Tax,		4	17 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		19	8 0
	County Ditto,		1	10 0
	MILLFORD Township.			
Samuel Nixon, 150 Acres,	Second State Tax,		26	8 0
	Third State Ditto,		48	15 0
	Eight Monthly Do.		195	0 0
	County Ditto,		8	10 0

JAMES REYNOLDS,

Carver and Gilder,

HAS removed from Front street to Third street, between Market and Arch-streets, directly opposite the house of Mr. John Wilcocks; where he continues to sell looking glasses, pictures, &c. &c. also executes the various branches of carving and gilding, in the newest and genteelest taste.

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